



**Training on IDI Methodology and
Regional Workshop for CIS on ICT Statistics**



Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 31 January – 2 February 2018

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Event venue

The events will be held in **The Dostyk Hotel**, located at the address:

36, Kurmangazy Str., Almaty, Kazakhstan

Telephone: +7727 3333000

Email: info@dostyk.kz

dostyk.kz

2. Registration

On-site registration will start **on Tuesday, 31 January 2018, at 8:30 a.m.**, in the event venue.

3. Languages

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

4. Recommended hotels

The Dostyk Hotel (event venue)

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Room category	Single/special rate
Standard	31 360 KZT (≈ 95 USD)
Semi Luxe	35280 KZT (≈ 106 USD)
De Luxe	39200 KZT (≈ 119 USD)

*Second guest accommodation cost - 5600 KZT.

The above accommodation cost is indicated in accordance with the special rate. Due to limited number of rooms, participants are recommended to book their rooms in due time.

To book a room in The Dostyk Hotel, participants are kindly requested to send an email to the hotel email address: info@dostyk.kz indicating the special offer for the Ministry of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Several hotels are located within walking distance from the event venue: Hotel Kazakhstan, City Hotel Tien Shan, Worldhotel Saltanat Almaty (which do not offer special tariff for the event participants).

Hotel Kazakhstan

52/2, Dostyk Str., Almaty, Kazakhstan

Telephone: (+7727) 291 96 00

Reservation1@kazakhstanhotel.kz

www.kazakhstanhotel.kz

Standard Single room cost from USD 55.

City Hotel Tien Shan

151/34, Kunayev Str., Almaty, Kazakhstan

Telephone: (+7727) 393 05 77

Email: sales@ts-hotels.kz

www.otel-tien-shan.kz

Standard Single room cost from USD 62.

Worldhotel Saltanat Almaty

164, Furmanov Str., Almaty, Kazakhstan

Telephone: (+7727) 259 09 35

Email: reservations@worldhotelsaltanat.kz

www.worldhotelsaltanat.kz

Standard Single room cost from USD 94.

Payments are done in national currency.

5. Transportation

The host will provide arrival/departure transfer to participants. For arrival/departure transfer, participants are kindly requested to mark relevant field in the registration form (Annex 2) and provide information on arrival/departure (arrival/departure date and time, flight numbers).

6. Contacts

<p><u>ITU Area Office, Moscow</u></p> <p><i>Mr. Farid Nakhli</i> Programme Officer Telephone: +7 495 926 60 70 Email: farid.nakhli@itu.int</p>	<p><u>Ministry of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Zulfia Khudaybergenova</i> Director, Department of Communications Telephone: +7 7172 74 03 16 Email: z.khudaybergenova@mic.gov.kz</p>
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7. Currency

National currency unit in the Republic of Kazakhstan is Kazakhstan tenge (KZT). All payments are effected in the national currency. Currency exchange offices are available in all cities.

As of 3 January 2018, KZT exchange rate was as following:

1 USD = 332.33 KZT

1 EUR = 398.32 KZT.

Information on current exchange rate of Kazakhstan tenge against other currencies is available at the web site of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan: <http://www.nationalbank.kz> .

Banks are open from 09:00 to 18:00 from Monday to Friday. Currency exchange is carried out by all banks and exchange offices. Credit cards are accepted in all banks, large hotels, some touristic agencies and shops.

8. General information

In the Middle Ages, at the territory of today's **Almaty**, or **Alma-Ata** in Russian (till 1921 – **Verny**) there was a settlement of Almatu. Currently Almaty is the largest city of Kazakhstan with a population of 1,703,481 people, containing 9% of the country's total population. It served as capital of the Kazakh Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic and Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic from 1927 to 1991 and capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan from 1991 to 1997. In spite of losing the status of political and administrative capital, Almaty continues as the major commercial and cultural centre of Kazakhstan, as well as its biggest population center. The city is located in the mountainous area of southern Kazakhstan in the foothills of the Trans-Ili Alatau at an elevation of 700–900 m (2,300–3,000 feet), where the Large and Small Almatinka rivers run into the plain. It has a relatively mild climate with warm summers and quite cold winters. Since the city is in a tectonically active area, it has an endemic risk of earthquakes. Although most do not cause any significant damage, Almaty has suffered some large destructive earthquakes. In 1997 the capital was moved to Astana in the north-central part of the country. Since then Almaty has been referred to as the 'southern capital' of Kazakhstan.

9. Climate

The climate in Almaty is a humid continental with hot summers and cold winters. It is characterized by the influence of mountain-valley circulation. This is especially evident in the northern part of the city, located directly in the transition zone of the mountain slopes to the plains. Annual average air temperature is equal to 10 °C, the coldest month is January, with average daily temperature of –4°C and average night temperature of –6°C.

10. Time

Time in the Republic of Kazakhstan is 6 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+6).

11. Electricity

The standard supply is 220 V, 50 Hz.

12. Communication means

The event participants will be provided with Wi-Fi internet access in the event venue. Telephone code for Almaty is +727. For international calls from Almaty, one should dial +, then code of the country, then code of the city or follow the instructions on telephone card.

13. Visa

Information of the requirements for entry the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is available at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://mfa.gov.kz/ru/visa/index> .

Those participants who need entry visa for the Republic of Kazakhstan are recommended to contact consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan in their country in due time to receive information on visa requirements.

For visa support, participants are kindly requested to fill out the Visa Support Form (Annex 5) and send it, along with copy of the passport, to Ms. Zulvia Khudaybergenova (email:

z.khudaybergenova@mic.gov.kz) and Mr. Yerkebulan Umarov (email: ye.umirov@mic.gov.kz) and to the ITU Area Office by email: itumoscov@itu.int **by 15 January 2018.**